

POLYNUCLEOTIDES ENCODING PROMYOSTATIN POLYPEPTIDES**ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION**

- 5 The present invention provides isolated polynucleotides encoding promyostatin polypeptides or a peptide portion thereof, polynucleotides complementary thereto, and oligonucleotides that can specifically hybridize to such polynucleotides. The present invention also provides an isolated polynucleotide encoding a mature myostatin peptide.

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